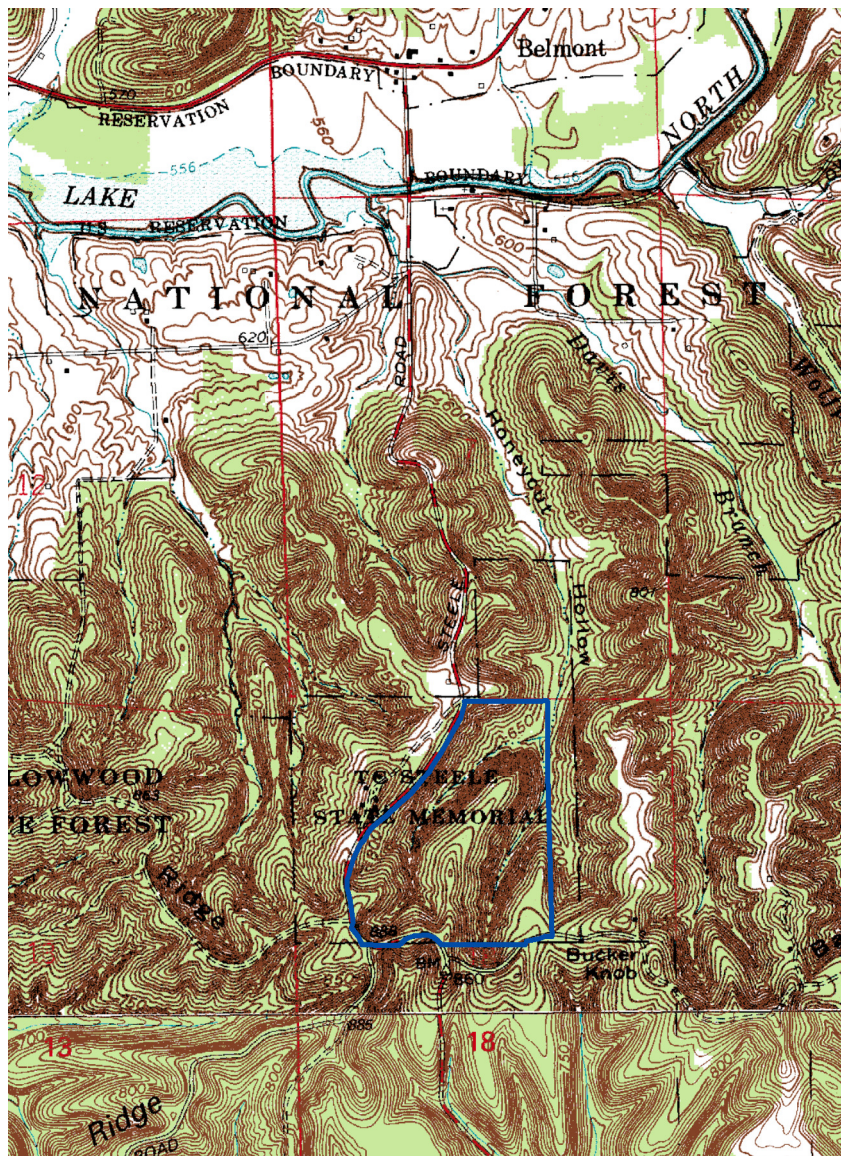


# Steele Nature Preserve (Selma Steele)

County: Brown Size: 92 acres  
Ownership: State Museums and Historic Sites - IDNR

## Location and Access

**Parking & trail.** The preserve is located in T.C. Steele State Historic Site, in southwestern Brown County. Midway between Bloomington and Nashville on S.R. 46 is the small town of Belmont. From Belmont, follow the signs south from S.R. 46 to the State Historic site. Park in the parking lot located just past the main entrance. Visitors may hike Selma Steele's own "Whippoorwill Trail" through the preserve. Trail guides are available at the site.



## Description:

The preserve is a portion of the original tract purchased by the Steeles in 1907 for their residence and studio. It was, in part, selected at that time by Mr. Steele due to its relatively undisturbed condition and scenic beauty. The property was a gift of Selma Steele to the Department of Conservation in 1945, under the condition that the property be preserved as a memorial. In Mrs. Steele's own words, "I trust that the whole surrounding forest will be preserved ... ."

The preserve contains an impressive high-quality mesic and dry-mesic upland forest community, and two deep ravines with intermittent streams. The spring wild-flower display is splendid.

## Further Information: T.C.

Steele State Historic Site.

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